

## Message Text

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FM USDEL FRANCE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6858  
INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E. O. 11652 : GDS  
TAGS: PINT, VS  
SUBJECT: GVN/ PRG BILATERAL MEETINGS: PHONG' S COMMENTS

1. DEPUTY CHIEF OF GVNDL PHONG COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS  
ON THIRD SESSION OF GVN/ PRG BILATERAL TALKS MARCH 26:

(A) HIEU' S CONTINUED SILENCE WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM ON DEMOBILIZATION OF ARMED FORCES, AND HIS CONCENTRATION ON EXTRANEIOUS ISSUE OF US TROOP ALMOST AS IF PRG DID NOT EVEN WANT TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF ARTICLE 13 OF PARIS AGREEMENT, PHONG NOW HAS DOUBTS HIEU IS SETTING UP BARGAINING POSITION OF DISCUSSING DEMODRATE LIBERTIES IN RETURN FOR DISCUSSION OF TROOP REDUCTION.

(B) HIEU' S PERFORMANCE THUS FAR HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING. ALTHOUGH HE SPEAKS ELOQUENTLY, USING MACHINE-GUN STYLE OF DELIVERY, HE IS NOT WELL SUPPLIED WITH SPECIFIC ARGUMENTS. GVNDL HAS IMPRESSION THAT CONTRARY TO INITIAL REPORTS HE HAS NOT PLAYED IMPORTANT POLICY-MAKING ROLE IN PRG.

(C) PRG TACTICS, IN GVNDL' S VIEW, ARE TO STALL FOR TIME WHILE AWAITING MORE FAVORABLE MILITARY OR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SVN; THUS, ADDITION TO HIEU' S REFUSAL TO ADDRESS HIMSELF TO PROPOSED AGENDA, PRG KEPT MEETING SHORT ( TWO HOURS INCLUDING 40- MINUTE BREAK) AND REFUSED TO HOLD NEXT MEETING MARCH 29 AS SUGGESTED BY GVNDL, PROPOSING MARCH 30 INSTEAD.

(D) THE GVNDL EVIDENTLY HAS NO PLANS TO CHANGE  
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ITS PRESENT TACTICS OF HAMMERING AWAY ON AGENDA INITIALLY PROPOSED. GDS ISHAM

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